Canadian Index of Wellbeing

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Purpose

The Canadian Index of Wellbeing (CIW) is a new way of measuring wellbeing that goes beyond narrow economic measures like GDP. It will provide unique insights into the quality of life of Canadians – overall, and in specific areas that matter. The following are the categories or domains that the organisation currently provides research reports on.

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http://www.ciw.ca/

Project Domains

Arts, Culture and Recreation measures activity in the very broad area of culture, which covers all forms of human expression, the much more focused area of arts, which includes performing arts, visual arts, media arts and art facilities and institutes, and recreation activities.

Civic Engagement measures the participation of citizens in public life and in governance; the functioning of Canadian governments with respect to openness, transparency, effectiveness, fairness, equity and accessibility; and the role Canadians and their institutions play as global citizens.

Community Vitality measures the strength, activity and inclusiveness of relationships among residents, private sector, public sector and voluntary organizations.

Education measures the literacy and skill levels of the population, including the ability to function in various societal contexts and plan for and adapt to future situations.

Environment measures the state of wellbeing and integrity of the natural environment, including the sustainability of ecosystems, watersheds and natural resources.

Healthy Populations measures the physical and mental wellbeing of the population, life expectancy, behaviours and life circumstances that influence health, health care quality and access, and public health services.

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Living Standards measures the level and distribution of income and wealth, poverty rates, income volatility, and economic security, including the security of jobs, food, housing and the social safety net.

Time Use measures the use of time, how people experience time, what controls its use, and how it affects wellbeing.

How do the Canadian Index of Wellbeing project domains fit within the MAP2010 framework?

for more information on the MAP2010 frameworks see here

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